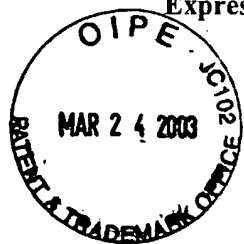


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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests consideration and entry of the following amendment submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2002, made final, and the Advisory Action dated February 18, 2003.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (once amended) A method for amplifying a signal comprising:

generating an input signal; and

amplifying the input signal utilizing a chopper-stabilized, silicon carbide NMOS depletion mode operational amplifier to produce an amplified output signal, the operational